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REFS:A.NATO 5413 B. AC/276(SGDS)-N/18 (INCL REVISE)

29 JAN 74 C. DPQ(74)US-D/1 ARMY SEC, TABLES I, II,

& III D. DPQ(74)US-D/1, ADDENDUM III, MBFR DATA

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1. THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO REF A REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION/ CORRECTION OF DATA FOR MBFR PURPOSES ON US FORCES IN SECTION 8 OF AC/276-WP(74)10/1, AND FOR WASHINGTON VIEWS ON REF B LIST OF MBFR TERMS AND DEFINITIONS.

2. REVISED REFERENCE LIST OF MBFR TERMS AND DEFINITIONS. WE CAN ACCEPT REFERENCE LIST AND SUGGESTED ADMENDMENTS THROUGH AC/276 (SGDS)-N/18(2ND REVISE)/3. ON THE QUESTION OF MEANING OF "ACTUAL STRENGTH", 'E HAVE NO PREFERENCE AS BETWEEN THE PROPOSED SHAPE (- /2) OR NETHERLANDS (- /3) DEFINITIONS. BEGIN FYI. AS YOU KNOW, BECAUSE OF THE TURBULENCE IN THE NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL ACTUALLY ON HAND AT ANY ONE TIME, "ACTUAL STRENGTH" FIGURES FOR US FORCES SHOULD ALWAYS BE READ AS "AUTHORIZED STRENGTH" FIGURES. END FYI.

3. US FORCES IN SECTION 8 OF AC/276-WP(74)10/1 (COMMENTS KEYED TO TEXT OF SGDS CHAIRMAN'S LETTER QUOTED IN PARA 3 OF REF A.) A & B. WITH RESPECT BOTH TO MAJOR COMBAT UNITS, AND COMBAT SUPPORT (NON-ORGANIC TO MAJOR COMBAT UNITS): DATA IN DPQ(74)US-D/1, ADDENDUM III, MBFR DATA IS MOST CURRENT DATA AND SHOULD BE USED FOR UNITS THAT APPEAR BOTH IN DPQ RESPONSE AND IN BLUE BOOK (WP(74)10/1). BEGIN FYI: REF A INCORRECTLY SHOWS 81 PERSHING IN THE FRG AS BEING LISTED IN THE US DPQ REPLY AND LISTS 108 AS BEING LISTED IN THE SGDS BLUE BOOK. THE CORRECT NUMBER IS 108, THE NUMBER ACTUALLY LISTED IN THE US DPQ REPLY. PAGE A-43, ANNEX 2 OF TABLE 1, INCLUDING A RELEVANT FOOTNOTE, APPLIES; ON THAT TABLE, THE STATUS OF SERIAL 1 A AT ENCL. 1873 IS 3 BATTALIONS TIMES 36 LAUNCHERS EQUALS 108 LAUNCHERS. END FYI.

C. PREPOSITIONED EQUIPMENT. PREPOSITIONED EQUIPMENT IS LISTED WITH THE UNITS FOR WHICH IT IS PREPOSITIONED AND IS NOT IDENTIFIABLE SEPARATELY.

D. RESERVE STOCKS. RESERVE STOCKS IN FRG ARE NOT IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY IN THE US DPQ REPLY, BUT ARE INCLUDED IN THEATRE STOCKAGE REQUIREMENTS. THE ON-HAND QUANTITIES WHICH DPQ LISTS REFLECT ALL ASSETS WHICH COULD REASONABLY BE APPLIED TO A NATO REQUIREMENT. BEGIN FYI: THEY INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO THOSE ASSETS ON HAND OR EARMARKED
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FOR NATO, ALL SERVICABLE AND REPAIRABLE UNSERVICABLE CONUS DEPOT ASSETS. END FYI.

E. STRATEGIC/REGIONAL RESERVE. RESPONSE STILL BEING RESEARCHED.

F. HELICOPTERS. AGAIN, DPQ(74)US-D/1 CONTAINS THE MOST DATA AND SHOULD BE USED. INGERSOLL

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